



## Illinois P-20 Council

### Coordinating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

JRTC, 15th floor, Governor's Office of Management and Budget Conference Room, Chicago

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### Minutes

#### Participating Members

Chicago: Ray Hancock, Max McGee, Laurel Prussing, John Rico, Kathy Ryg, Julie Smith, Robin Steans, Miguel del Valle

Phone: Lizanne DeStefano, Erika Hunt, Deb Strauss

#### **Welcome and Roll Call**

Lizanne introduced Iryna Kryshchuk, parliamentary intern from Ukraine studying Illinois' P-20 Council for one month. Iryna will be based out of the Governor's Office and attending meetings and events with P-20 Council members and education leaders to learn more about higher education funding, early learning opportunities, and the role of stakeholders and advisory bodies in the development of public policy.

#### **Approval of July 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes approved.

#### **Discussion of Preparation for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report**

- I. Committees will synthesize work and co-chairs will submit reports to Lizanne to be integrated into the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual report. Reports should include accomplishments and updated goals/recommendations. The deadline will be in early December.

#### **Committee Updates**

- a. **Joint Education Leadership Committee (JELC) – Lizanne DeStefano**

Lieutenant Governor is chairing JELC which meets monthly to review progress on the implementation of P-20's recommendations. State agency leadership is actively involved which has helped to move projects forward and enhance coordination.

**b. Data, Assessment, and Accountability – Co-chairs Max McGee and Robin Steans**

Co-chairs provided update on status of IL School Report Card (SRC) redesign. SRC was last updated in 1985. New SRC takes a P-20 approach incorporating K-readiness, percent of incoming students with preschool experience, postsecondary enrollment rates, and proportion of students completing freshmen year of college without remediation. A space has also been dedicated to a metric for career readiness as data becomes available. Final language for the bill codifying the new IL School Report Card (SRC) is expected to be complete for veto session. Co-chairs described the process of developing the SRC including the identification of relevant factors based on feedback from focus groups of teachers, parents, administrators, and members of the business community. Final metrics were reviewed by the SRC Steering Work Group and discussed with the Education Caucus.

The legislative language is being developed in such a way so as to allow for flexibility for incorporating new data as it becomes available. A research agenda will be developed to identify the best metrics for populating "under construction" items. The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) is developing a summative document which describes the process leading up to the final product. They also described the 3 tiers of data with varying levels of detail to accommodate a variety of audiences. A final draft of the SRC will be presented to the P-20 Council for review and approval.

Lastly, enhancing connections to early learning and higher education were discussed including links to the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS), IL Longitudinal Data System (ILDS), and the High School to College Success Report (formerly the High School Feedback Report). There is a great deal of interest in potentially having a higher education report card of sorts. It was also mentioned that being able to include measures that speak to health and wellness could be helpful for example whether or not a school has recess, how regular students engage in physical education, and nutrition information.

It was decided that a one page fact sheet would be developed to accompany a mock up of the report card for outreach efforts both to stakeholder groups and legislators. This document will provide background on the process, information on stakeholder engagement, and metrics to be included. The Committee supported the presentation of a proclamation from the Governor to BCG in honor of their generous service and hard work. The Committee was also interested in a press event for the signing of the bill.

**c. Family, Youth, and Community Engagement – Co-chairs Kathy Ryg and Deb Strauss**

In addition to collecting input from nearly 60 stakeholder focus groups the Family, Youth, and Community Engagement (FYCE) Committee facilitated across the state, co-chairs Kathy and Deb spoke about the importance of ongoing training efforts to guide families, teachers, administrators, and other community members on the new SRC as a tool for becoming a more informed advocate for local education. The FYCE Committee's statewide network provides a built-in infrastructure for delivering

information on the importance and utility of information included in the SRC via a train the trainer model. The Coordinating Committee also discussed the possibility of seeking an appropriation to support an outreach campaign around the new SRC.

**d. Finance and Governance – Co-chairs Ray Hancock and Laurel Prussing**

The co-chairs explained that governance has been the focus of the Committee's discussions to this point. Recommendations to the Council continue to be developed. The Committee anticipates offering recommendations that would support a more centralized, coordinated P-20 education system. The Committee is interested in studying other models of governing structures for education including Oregon, which has a single Department of Education whereas Illinois has a individual boards dedicated to P-12, the community college system, and four year institutions of higher education. Preliminary discussions have been had with potential research partners and the Committee hopes to identify potential funding support for continued research on best practices and successful models. There was also discussion of holding public forums to gather input from local communities to identify the most pressing areas of concern.

Chairman del Valle acknowledged educational disparities and a heavy reliance on property tax under the current governing system. He also stressed the importance of solid research and analysis in the area of finance and governance leading up to solid, relevant recommendations which will carry weight with the public, General Assembly, and education leaders.

Members of the Coordinating Committee suggested a review of current initiatives addressing issues of finance and governance including Budgeting for Results, district consolidation and realignment (Classrooms First Commission), and the Elementary and Secondary Education (No Child Left Behind) reauthorization. The Council suggested producing a position paper on the issue of finance and governance upon a review of the current initiative, most recent reports, and other successful models. Such as document could be used a tool for supporting outreach and engagement efforts around these issues and expanding the Council's reach.

**e. School, College, and Career Readiness – Co-chair John Rico**

John updated the Committee on the School, College, and Career Readiness (SCCR) Committee's continued discussions around the need for a standardized measure of career readiness that can be incorporated into relevant educational initiatives. The DAA Committee expressed interest in working with the School, College, and Career Readiness Committee to further discuss college and career readiness measures along the P-20 spectrum. John also spoke about the utility of having staff support to assist with organizing stakeholders and carrying out this type of work.

**f. Teacher and Leader Effectiveness – Co-chair Erika Hunt**

Erika began by introducing Melissa DeBartolo who is providing staff support to the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Committee. Erika also provided updates on projects which include legislation on principle preparation programs and work on teacher leader certifications. There was discussion on the

desire to connect the Teacher Leader Dashboard to the ILDS and higher education measures. Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is piloting the dashboard through with a leadership collaborative.

### **Discussion of Staffing Support**

The Committee discussed constraints of the current Council budget in providing additional staff support for committee work. There was interest in identifying additional funding opportunities such as private business ie Boston Consulting Group and foundational support ie Chicago Community Trust on a project specific basis.

### **Discussion of October 26, 2011 P-20 Council Meeting**

The next P-20 Council meeting will take place on October 26, 2011 in at ISBE's Office in Springfield. Committees will be asked to provide updates on their recommendations and ongoing work of their committees. The Council is also hoping to begin reaching out to state agencies beyond the realm of education to highlight connections in other areas that impact student success. The Council hopes to host the Department of Human Services which offers early learning, early intervention and special needs services, after-school and enrichment opportunities and many other services that affect students' lives.

Committee discussed other agenda items including an update on Race to the Top, plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual report, status of the ESEA waiver, and briefing on upcoming IL Education Opportunities for Military Children Council meeting.

### **Update on Appointments and Membership – Julie Smith**

Julie indicated that a set of appointments are set to expire in December 2011 and that the Governor's Office will follow up with next steps.

### **Adjourn**